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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am writing to express my support for small / local ISPs. My household became customers of Sonic this year when they rolled-out their new fiber service. Before then the only choice we had for fast internet access was Comcast, who charged an awful lot. Sonic's price is so much lower, and their customer service and, most importantly, their internet service, has thus far been far superior to Comcast. As I understand it, Comcast are now offering lower prices, which says something for having competition!

I am alarmed to hear that the FCC is considering making it more difficult for local ISPs to enter marketplaces. This makes absolutely no sense to me as a consumer. But, of course, if I was one of the big ISPs like Comcast or AT&T, I would relish the idea of quashing these upstarts from disturbing what are essentially monopolies.

So I am writing to you to request that you do not do the bidding of these large ISPs. That you do not make it more expensive or more difficult for local companies to provide internet service to consumers like me.

Thank you for your attention. Do the right thing, please. FYI, in case you ever find yourself scratching your head wondering what the right thing is, it is almost always the complete opposite of what the monopolistic/giant corporations want you to do.

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